

# Washington State Troops to Teachers

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## Certification

### **Military Teaching Experience Recognized!**

Advanced placement on the Washington Teaching Scale may be possible for military personnel who qualify under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 392-121-245 <http://leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm>. In some cases military teaching experience may count toward advancement on the state education salary scale where the individual completed an instructor's training course in the military. **Certification Program**

**Online** more details and to see if you qualify, check the preceding web site to see if you meet the qualifications that has reciprocity with Washington State. Enrollment and all course work may be done at the student's pace regardless where one may be assigned. This program will concentrate on providing teachers in high need subject areas such as mathematics, science, and special education while also looking to develop and place teachers in high need school districts. All state and national standards will be satisfied by this design. Admission to this program will require a Bachelor's degree and self motivation. For more



### **Educational Expenses for Additional Endorsements!**

Those people who wish to gain an additional teaching endorsement in the critical fields of math, science and special education may receive the \$5000 stipend for that purpose. The new Troops to Teachers legislation provides for those people who presently have a degree or a teaching certificate and who wish to obtain an additional major, to apply to the program for such educational expenses. For those interested, teaching these subjects (math, science or special education) would provide greater assurance of employment as a classroom teacher. Certified TTTs who are hired with a "high need" school district (where at least 50% of the students of that building, where one would teach, qualify for the federal lunch program)

## Education

### **Troops to Teachers Eligibility Extended**

We have just received notice from our Pensacola office that eligibility has been extended to anyone who has been transferred to the "Retired Reserves" and meets other eligibility requirements. This means that anyone who has retired from active or reserve duty can apply to the TTT program and be eligible for financial assistance. There is no restriction regarding date of retirement or time limit on submitting registration. Individuals who retired prior to 1990 are now eligible for funding. Stipends will now be provided to individuals who have incurred teacher certification expenses after their initial TTT registration date. If a person is in doubt as **Websites of Interest:** they should either contact our office or submit a TTT application to the Pensacola office only at [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com)

**Troops to Teachers Program**  
**Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction**  
[www.k12.wa.us/](http://www.k12.wa.us/)  
**Professional Educators Standards Board**  
[www.pesb.wa.gov/](http://www.pesb.wa.gov/)  
**Employment Opportunities in Ed.**  
[www.jobs2teach.doded.mil/](http://www.jobs2teach.doded.mil/)  
[www.wateach.com](http://www.wateach.com)  
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